Amendment & Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 Expedited Procedure - Art Unit 3677

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Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection mailed January 15, 2010, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks and Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.